

## **Human Trafficking Prevention Training**

### **New Renewal Requirement Effective September 1, 2020**

During the 86th Legislature in 2019, House Bill (HB) 2059, which requires human trafficking prevention training as a condition for license renewal for certain health care practitioners, passed and was signed into law. The training is designed to equip health care practitioners with the training needed to help detect potential victims of human trafficking and to provide them with adequate care and information regarding additional support services.

To meet the requirement, certain health care practitioners, which includes PTs and PTAs, will be required to complete a training course on human trafficking approved by the Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in order to renew their license. Information on approved course(s) is available at:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/texas-human-trafficking-resource-center/health-care-practitioner-human-trafficking-training>

**For PTs and PTAs who renew their license on or after 9/01/2020, a minimum of 1 CCU of approved Human Trafficking Prevention Training will be required regardless of their license expiration date.**

This requirement pertains to active licensees who are renewing their license either timely or late, individuals who are restoring their license, licensees on inactive status who are returning to active status, and licensees who are performing voluntary charity care on retired status who are renewing their license.

If a license is renewed online or by mail prior to 9/01/2020 even though the license expiration date is after 9/01/2020, the Human Trafficking Prevention Training will not be required for the renewal period.

**Only courses approved by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) qualify for meeting the Human Trafficking Prevention Training requirement.** However, CCUs for courses on human trafficking that are approved through the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) or are provided by a TX Accredited Provider can apply toward the total CCU renewal requirement but will not meet the Human Trafficking Prevention Training requirement.

Courses approved through HHSC may or may not reflect physical therapy CCU credit. Equivalency is determined by 1 contact hour equals 1 CCU. The credit can be applied toward the total number of required CCUs for renewal.

Instructions for entering the course on the **Continuing Competence Activity Summary** will be available during the online renewal process starting September 1, 2020.